

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4506  
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WORLD BANK AID TO POWER PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the power situation in the country, is far away from being satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government propose to avail assistance from the International Funding agencies, including World Bank for improving the power supply situation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the projects likely to be financed; and
- (e) the other steps taken to improve power situation in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b) : There is a continuing shortage of electricity in the country. The shortage varies from state to state, season to season and day-to-day basis depending on availability and demand for electricity. During April-July, 2010, the energy and peak shortage in the country was approximately 11% and 13.8% respectively.

Government has taken a number of measures to improve the power supply position in the country including quantum jump and capacity addition during the 11th Plan as compared to previous plans, facilitation in development of Ultra Mega Power Projects to reap the benefits of economies of scale, allocation of gas to Power Sector from KG D-6 basin, thrust to import of coal to bridge the gap between requirement of coal and its availability from domestic sources, tapping of surplus power from captive power plants, renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generating units, energy conservation, energy efficiency and demand side management measures.

(c) & (d) : The following power generation projects are presently under consideration of various external funding agencies:

Sl. No.	Power Project	Executing Agency	External Funding Agency
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1.	Vishnugad Pipalkoti HEP (440 MW)	THDC	World Bank
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2.	Luhri HEP (775 MW)	SJVNL	World Bank
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3.	Anta Solar Power Project (15 MW)	NTPC	KfW
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(e) : The steps taken to improve power situation in the country are already given in reply to part (a) of the question.